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to be transmittable from the television accessory units to the remote portion of the split personal computer system, the data signals being processable by the remote portion of the split personal computer system to generate output signals, the output signals including video signals and being transmittable from the remote portion of the split personal computer system to respective television accessory units, and transmittable from the television accessory units to respective display units as television signals.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment in response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2001.

REMARKS

The CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

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Claims 1, 18-22 and 25-32 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,243,743. Although Applicant's attorney does not agree with this rejection, claims 1, 18-22 and 25-32 have been amended to expedite the issuance of the present application. That is independent claims 1 and 25 have been amended to recite an "output unit receiving data signals from the . . . accessory unit to provide an output signal." Basis for this amendment is found on page 11, lines 30-34 of the patent application as originally submitted. In addition, the output unit is shown in Figure 2 of the drawings.

Independent claims 1, 9 and 17 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,243,743 do not recite an "output unit receiving data signals from the . . . accessory unit to provide an output signal." Thus, claims 1, 18-22 and 25-32, as amended, are not coextensive in scope with claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,243,743. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 18-22 and 25-32 under 35 USC 101 is respectfully requested.

Claims 33-36 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 33-36 is respectfully requested.

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The foregoing is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2001. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the foregoing, Applicant's attorney would welcome a telephonic interview with the Examiner.

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In the Specification:

Please accept a clean, substitute specification which incorporates the amendments previously filed in the specification on May 25, 2000, as well as the addition of paragraph numbers. No new matter is being introduced with the new submission of the substitute specification.

On page 1 of the Specification, please amend the CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS to read as follows:

[This is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/014,859, entitled SPLIT PERSONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM, which was filed on January 29, 1998 and which is hereby incorporated herein by reference].

[0001.] This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/014,859, entitled SPLIT PERSONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM (now U.S. Patent No. 6,243,743), filed on January 29, 1998, the entire content of which is hereby expressly incorporated herein by reference.

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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 25 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A split personal computer system for selectively processing video portions, input/output portions, computational portions and storage portions of personal computer tasks, comprising:

a remote portion adapted to selectively perform the computational portions and the storage portions of the personal computer tasks;

a local portion remotely located with respect to the remote portion and adapted to selectively perform the video portions and the input/output portions of the personal computer tasks, the local portion comprising:

a display unit located remotely from the remote portion of the split personal computer system;

an accessory unit in communication with the display unit, the accessory unit outputting video signals to the display unit so as to perform video and output portions of the personal computer tasks;

an output unit receiving data signals from the accessory unit to provide an output signal;

an input unit in communication with the accessory unit to input data

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signals into the accessory unit for performing input portions of the personal computer tasks;

communication means for interfacing the accessory unit with the remote portion of the split personal computer system for permitting data signals received by the accessory unit from the input unit to be transmittable from the accessory unit to the remote portion of the split personal computer system, the data signals being processable by the remote portion of the split personal computer system to generate output signals, the output signals including video signals and being transmittable from the remote portion of the split personal computer system to the accessory unit, and transmittable from the accessory unit to the display unit.

25. (Once Amended) A split personal computer system for selectively executing personal computer tasks, comprising:

a remote portion of the split personal computer system adapted to selectively perform the computational and storage portions of the personal computer tasks;

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a plurality of local portions disposed remotely from the remote portion of the split personal computer system, each local portion of the split personal computer system being adapted to solely perform the video and input/output portions of the personal computer tasks and including:

a television display unit;

a television accessory unit in communication with the television display unit, the television accessory unit outputting video signals to the television display unit so as to perform video and output portions of the personal computer tasks;

an output unit receiving data signals from the television accessory unit to provide an output signal;

an input unit in communication with the accessory unit to input data signals into the accessory unit for performing input portions of the personal computer tasks;

communication means for interfacing the television accessory unit of each of the local portions of the split personal computer system with the remote portion of the split personal computer system for permitting data signals received by the television accessory units from the respective input units

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